

Housing and Food services dare to be different

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would be saddled with the losses of the previous year," says Brown.

Other Housing and Food innovations include: academic floor in Lister hall, new housing in Garneau, more renovations in HUB, and a resolution to the conflict in Michener park concerning the washers and dryers in the row houses.

"We have four academic floors this year, to provide space for those students who want to gather together with like-minded students," says Brown.

A survey was conducted last year and a large number of students were interested in the academic floors. Four floors were set aside and Housing and Food Services, and the LHSA (Lister Hall Students' Association) have set about to monitor the program.

"Other universities have tried the program and have found that students do better on academic floors," says Brown.

Another innovation in Lister Hall is the addition of a live-in residence assistant, who will be representing Housing and Food Services directly to the students in the residences. "Most other universities already have live in staff," says Brown.

Housing and Food is also undertaking phase two of its Garneau

renovations. Three more houses are being renovated, and one is being torn down and rebuilt. The renovations will increase the lives of the building in question by 25 years.

Other renovations to Housing and Food Service Properties, like the proposed renovations to HUB Mall, will depend on the availability of funds. "If we incur a mortgage on HUB, the mortgage would have to spread over all University housing," says Brown.

A pilot project was undertaken last year when Housing and Food renovated a stairwell in HUB and is now checking back to get tenants' reaction to the renovations.

"The plan is now moving towards renovation of the whole building and we're aiming for next summer," says Brown.

The money crunch also applies to Faculte St. Jean and the other residence building. For example, the seventy year old Faculte St. Jean residence would need a massive amount of money to preserve the building.

Housing and Food was able to resolve the washer and dryer situation in Michener park. Last spring Housing and Food tried to lower its capital spending by removing the washers and dryers in the row housing in the park and setting up a centralized laundry facility.

The residents protested, and a compromise was reached over the summer.

"Galbraith, Vanier, and the walk-ups will have the same level of service except that instead of Housing and Food buying new equipment, we will lease new equipment from a contract company, and we will pay them a fee," says Brown.

No place like home

by Neal Watson

The brand new Faculty of Commerce building is open for business this week partially incomplete, a little pressed for space but very close to being on budget.

Faculty of Business Dean Roger S. Smith says that after having the faculty spread out for 20 years, students and faculty are excited about finally having a home.

"It gives us a feeling of togetherness, common purpose and a sense of pride being in here" said Smith.

With close to 2000 undergraduate students, 300 graduate students and 100 academic staff, Smith admits they are a little tight for space. But Smith says areas within the building have been developed to provide additional space.

The basement has been developed to create more class space and computer labs and a partial fifth floor has been added. Some areas in the building, however, remain unfinished and the installation of computing labs has not been completed.

A private contribution plus a matching grant from the provincial government funded the fifth floor area.

Dean Smith says that the building came in on-budget at approximately 17.5 million dollars.

In the row housing, where central housing facilities will be in place by January, current tenants will have four options: they can continue to use the Housing and Food equipment presently in the units, they can purchase the Housing and Food equipment from their unit for \$50 per set (as is), they can buy their own equipment in place

of the Housing and Food Equipment, or they can use the central facilities.

New tenants on the other hand have other options: they can purchase the equipment in the unit if the previous tenant declined (for the same \$50), they may install their own equipment, or they can use the centralized laundry facilities.

Business Students Association President Tracey Flye said most students are not finding their classes crowded and she felt study space was adequate.

Flye also said the centralized location for the faculty was good for the students and faculty in Business.

"I feel the centralized location is conducive to unity" said Flye.

Smith emphasized that the building was originally designed in 1971 and for a much smaller faculty, but he said all faculties on campus were experiencing over-crowding and the Business faculty was probably better off than most.

The possibility of phase-two for the building was not ruled out by Smith as the Faculty continues to grow. However, no plans exist at the present.



Photo Tim Kubash

In case you're wondering, this is the new Business building. Inside you'll find 2,300 happy business students.

Emergency homes

by Brian Receveur

The University of Alberta is providing emergency accommodation for homeless university students.

Twenty-four spaces in the Lister Hall residence have been set aside until the middle of September to accommodate students arriving in Edmonton with no place to stay.

The spaces are arranged every year by the Department of Housing and Food Services. Heather von Bloedau, conference officer for the department, says the program usually gets a good response.

"There is usually a lot of demand for the spaces, especially at the beginning of September," von Bloedau says. "On the average they are 50 per cent full most of the time."

Students are allowed to stay in the residence for up to three days while they try to find permanent accommodation. According to von

Bloedau the university usually helps by referring them to University Housing and to the off-campus housing register.

According to Housing Officer Penny Hiebert, the university still has numerous residence spaces available, "particularly in Lister Hall. We have room for approximately 200 students, about 100 doubles and 100 singles," says Hiebert.

Hiebert says the unusually high vacancy rate on campus reflects a high vacancy rate all over Edmonton.

The emergency housing program will be in effect until September 15, but students requiring a place to stay after that can still be accommodated. "We usually hold a number of rooms through until the end of the year," Hiebert says.

The charge for the emergency housing is \$8.50 per night. Food is not included.

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